

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A video editing device comprising:

insert data reading means for ~~externally reading~~ receiving insert data to be inserted;

underlying data reading means for reading underlying data recorded on a recording medium;

data checking means for, prior to recording said insert data on said recording medium, a) checking whether the underlying data read by the underlying data reading means is validly continuous, and whether the underlying data has a signal format of the insert data read by the insert data reading means, by b) comparing the signal formats including data transfer rates between the insert data and the underlying data to determine whether the underlying data and the insert data have a common format;

warning indicating means for issuing a warning when ~~a result of the check made by the data checking means said checking or said comparing indicates incompatibility between said underlying data and said insert data~~;

inserting means for inserting the data ~~to be inserted~~ into the underlying data after said checking and said comparing indicates compatibility between said underlying data and said insert data; and

edited data recording means for insert recording data output from the inserting means on the recording medium.

2. (Original) A video editing method comprising the steps of:

externally reading data to be inserted;

reading underlying data recorded on a recording medium;

checking whether the underlying data read by the underlying data reading step is validly continuous, and whether the underlying data has a signal format of the insert data read by the insert data reading step, by comparing the signal formats including data transfer rates between the insert data and the underlying data;

issuing a warning when a result of the check obtained in the data checking step indicates incompatibility;

inserting the data to be inserted into the underlying data; and

insert recording data obtained in the inserting step on the recording medium.